

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 82

In Memory  
of  
Dr. Emerson Emory

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Dallas in mourning the loss of Dr. Emerson Emory, who died January 28, 2003, at the age of 77; and

**WHEREAS**, Emerson Emory was born January 29, 1925, in South Dallas; he attended Prairie View A&M College before joining the United States Army at age 18; after serving his country in World War II, he earned a bachelor's degree from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and a medical degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Emory returned to Dallas in 1953 and joined Saint Paul Hospital as Dallas' first black intern; he went on to work for the Veterans Administration Hospital in Dallas before opening his own office in psychiatry in 1961; five years later, he was the first black physician to volunteer to serve in Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS**, A strong and tenacious individual, Dr. Emory was adamant about his beliefs in spite of their seeming contradictions; he was a pioneer in the Dallas civil rights movement, fighting for justice for minorities, and he was active with the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the organization that seeks to preserve and honor the memory of the Confederate cause; and

**WHEREAS**, He kept his office in the heart of South Dallas, where he was most needed, and he was noted for helping anyone who needed medical care; he was dauntless in his efforts to help people with drug addiction; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Emory was named a Dallas Living Legend by the Junior Black Academy of Arts and Letters; he served as local executive director for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and was the first black president of the Dallas Council of the United Service Organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, Dr. Emory gave unselfishly of his time to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Emory lived his life to the fullest and was a devoted father and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Dr. Emerson Emory: his son, Emerson "Rusty" Emory, Jr.; his daughters, Karon Hutcheson and Sharon Emory; and his two grandchildren; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Emerson Emory.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 30, 2003, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate